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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)

1. DURING VISIT TO U.K., STRAUS (CU/WE) HAD OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ATLANTIC COLLEGE, A TWO YEAR ACADEMY PREPARING STUDENTS FOR ENTRY TO UNIVERSITIES USING IB CURRICULUM AND EXAMINATION. STRAUS WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND BY AWARENESS ON THE PART OF HEADMASTER AND KEY FACULTY MEMBERS OF CRITICISMS WHICH HAD BEEN DIRECTED TOWARD IB: THAT IT TENDS TO BE "ELITIST" AND THAT IT TENDS TO PERPETUATE STRUCTURED EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND REQUIREMENTS IN AN ERA WHEN MUCH FREER ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS BEING EMPHASIZED.

2. IN DISCUSSION THESE POINTS, HEADMASTER POINTED OUT THAT WHILE COLLEGE WAS CLEARLY UNIVERSITY-PREPARATORY NOT ALL STUDENTS PROGRESSED TO UNIVERSITY, MANY PREFERRING POLYTECHNIC STUDIES OR NON-UNIVERSITY BASED CAREERS FOLLOWING GRADUATION. LARGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRAWN FROM GOVERNMENTS AND LABOR UNIONS AS WELL AS PRIVATE SOURCES HAVE PLACED 70 PERCENT OF STUDENTS ON PARTIAL OR FULL SCHOLARSHIPS THUS OPENING COLLEGE TO STUDENTS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE BE BARRED BY TUITION FEES. IN THIS CONNECTION IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT COLLEGE NOW HAS ENROLLED 14 PRC STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL 14 SCHEDULED FOR AY 74-75. AS FOR "STRUCTURED" CURRICULUM, ONLY MATH IS REQUIRED SUBJECT OF ALL STUDENTS WITH REMAINING CURRICULUM SUFFICIENTLY VARIED TO INCLUDE

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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, FAR EASTERN HISTORY

AND OTHERS BUILT INTO PROGRAM TO REFLECT STUDENT
INTERESTS AND DESIRES.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO OBTAIN REPORT FROM HANSEN
(CEEB) WHO ATTENDED RECENT PARIS MEETING ON IB.
ACCORDING TO ATLANTIC COLLEGE HEADMASTER SEVERAL
EASTERN EUROPEAN DELEGATES AT THIS MEETING EXPRESSED
GREAT INTEREST IN IB WITH POLISH MINED DELEGATE
PARTICULARLY OUTSPOKEN IN ITS SUPPORT.

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